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## REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up version of the claims showing insertions and deletions is attached as Appendix A.

An orthopedic appliance, comprising a wedge for placement under a toe and notextending under a first metatarsal, the wedge having a top surface adapted to support the toe and a bottom surface wherein an angle of inclination between the top surface and the bottom surface of the wedge is between 1 and 60 degrees.

An apparatus for orthopedic treatment, comprising:

a top surface adapted to support a toe and not extending under a first metatarsal;

a bottom surface: and

a support which maintains a toe at an angle of inclination between the top surface

and the bottom surface.

A method for improving stability of a foot during ambulation, comprising:

providing a wedge having a top surface positioned substantially under a toe and not extending under a first metatarsal, and a bottom surface; and